

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
May 4, 2013**

MOTIONS

ARTICLE 1 MOVED: That the Town vote to receive and act upon the reports of the Officers of the Town and to receive the report of any committees and act thereon.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 2 MOVED: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, or other Town departments with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any other source, and to expend the same for purposes received without further appropriation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 3 MOVED: That the Town vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, as amended, to reauthorize a revolving fund for the Hazardous Materials Response Planning Committee (a.k.a. the SARA Title III Committee) into which fund will be placed the fees collected from individuals responsible for oil and hazardous material spills, and to further authorize the SARA Title III Committee to expend up to a maximum of \$7,500 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 from the Revolving Fund for the purpose of cleaning up oil and hazardous material spills.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 4. MOVED: That the Town will vote in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 section 53E ½ to authorize a revolving fund for the Town's recycling program, into which fund will be placed fees collected from the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend up to a maximum of \$15,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, for the purpose of off-setting expenditures for the operation of the Town's solid waste and recycling programs, membership in and services of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, and the purchase of recycled content or environmentally preferable products.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 5. MOVED: That the Town vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013.

**SCHEDULE I
Elected Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY12 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY13 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY14 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY14 RECOMMEND</u>
MODERATOR	327	327	340	340
BOARD OF SELECTMEN				
Chairman	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500
Second/Third Members	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500
BOARD OF ASSESSORS				
Chairman	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500
Second/Third Members	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	61,848.80	63,068.20*	64,288.97**	64,288.97

*61,716.20 (8-18) plus Treasurer/WPCF stipend of 1,352
 **62,936.97 (8-18+) plus Treasurer/WPCF stipend of 1,352

TOWN CLERK	58,130.80	59,313.80*	60,779.34**	60,779.34
*(8-16)				
** (8-17)				

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Town Clerk	772	772	800	800
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TREE WARDEN	1,267	1,267	1,460	1,368.75*
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*Selectmen recommend \$1,300

BOARD OF HEALTH

Chairman	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500
Second/Third Members	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500

AMENDED ARTICLE: That the Town vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013.

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Elected Officials

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN				
Chairman	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500
Second/Third Members	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500
BOARD OF ASSESSORS				
Chairman	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500
Second/Third Members	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	61,848.80	63,068.20*	64,288.97**	64,288.97
*61,716.20 (8-18) plus Treasurer/WPCF stipend of 1,352				
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TOWN CLERK	58,130.80	59,313.80*	60,779.34**	60,779.34
*(8-16)				
** (8-17)				
BOARD OF REGISTRARS				
Town Clerk	772	772	800	800
TREE WARDEN	1,267	1,267	1,460	1,300.00*

*Selectmen recommend \$1,300

BOARD OF HEALTH

Chairman	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500
Second/Third Members	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 6. MOVED: That the Town vote to fix the salaries of all appointed officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013.

**SCHEDULE II
Appointed Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY12 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY13 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY14 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY14 RECOMMEND</u>
<u>ANNUAL STIPENDS</u>				
BOARD OF REGISTRARS (3)	338	338	500	500
EMERGENCY MGMT DIRECTOR	5,490	5,490	5,490	5,490
BURIAL AGENT	670	670	670	670
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	1,014	1,500	1,500	1,500
BARN INSPECTOR	325	500	500	500
COMPUTER ADMINISTRATOR		2,000	2,000	2,000
FOREST WARDEN	1,584	1,584	1,631	1,631
<u>HOURLY RATES</u>				
ASST. BUILDING INSPECTOR/Inspect.	27.06	27.06	27.06	27.06
GAS INSPECTOR/Inspection	27.06	27.06	27.06	27.06
PLUMBING INSPECTOR/Inspection	27.06	27.06	27.06	27.06
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR/Inspection	27.06	27.06	27.06	27.06
	<u>Ranges/hr.</u>	<u>Ranges/hr.</u>	<u>Ranges/hr.</u>	<u>Ranges/hr.</u>
EXTRA CLERICAL	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00
ELECTION WORKERS	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00
SUMMER HIGHWAY	8.00-12.00	8.00-12.00	8.00-12.00	8.00-12.00
SNOW PLOW DRIVERS	15.00-25.00	15.00-25.00	15.00-25.00	15.00-25.00
PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS	14.62-16.00	14.62-16.00	14.50-17.00	14.50-17.00
PART TIME DISPATCHERS			13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00

PARKS & RECREATION

8.00-25.63

8.00-25.63

8.00-25.63

8.00-25.63

NON-UNION EMPLOYEES NOT SHOWN ABOVE

	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Range FY2013</u>		<u>Range FY2014</u>	
<u>SALARIED</u>		<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	11	64,555.40	90,363.00	64,856.90	92,138.12
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	8	44,080.40	62,644.40*	44,286.27	62,936.97
CHIEF OF POLICE	10	61,425.00	86,031.40	61,661.25	86,362.29
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	10	61,425.00	86,031.40	61,720.31	86,445.01
	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Range FY2013</u>		<u>Range FY2014</u>	
<u>SALARIED</u>		<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	8	44,080.40	62,644.40*	44,286.27	62,936.97
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	9	44,480.80	62,244.00	44,651.88	63,415.17
WPCF SUPERINTENDENT	10	61,425.00	86,031.40	61,720.31	86,445.01

*includes 1.5% increase for employees on top step for at least one year as of anniversary date

HOURLY

SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY	5	16.35	22.86	16.35	23.20
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PASSED/ UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 7. MOVED: That the Town vote appropriate the sum of \$7,745,203 for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town and for any other necessary changes, with \$125,000 to be raised from Free Cash and \$7,620,203 to be raised from Taxation.

DEPT NO.		EXPENDED FY12	BUDGET FY13	REQUESTED FY14	RECOMMEND FY14
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
113	TOWN MEETING	1,266	1,707	1,720	1,720
122	SELECTMEN	126,507	132,205	142,013	142,013
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	738	820	840	840
132	RESERVE FUND	67,425	50,000	50,000	50,000
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT	68,772	69,050	71,893	71,893
141	ASSESSORS	141,046	145,290	140,072	140,072
145	TREASURER/COLLECTOR	194,168	195,361	197,979	197,979
151	TOWN COUNSEL	74,425	55,000	70,000	70,000
159	SHARED COSTS	56,174	64,250	71,232	71,232
161	TOWN CLERK	115,160	122,194	115,137	115,137
175	PLANNING	61,901	64,731	66,239	66,239
176	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	1,527	2,080	2,480	2,480
182	MEDIC	-	1,500	1,500	1,500
190	PUBLIC BLDG UTILITIES	87,929	116,960	122,880	102,880
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	997,038	1,021,148	1,053,985	1,033,985
	PERCENT INCREASE FROM FY13			3.22%	1.26%
	PUBLIC SAFETY				
211	POLICE	1,175,570	1,153,903	1,218,801	1,218,801
211	POLICE CRUISER	42,109	37,000	39,500	39,500
212	DISPATCH	211,628	208,612	228,679	228,679

241	BUILDING INSPECTOR	111,290	116,612	118,412	118,412
244	SEALER OF WEIGHTS	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750
291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	5,591	5,740	5,740	5,740
DEPT NO.		EXPENDED FY12	BUDGET FY13	REQUESTED FY14	RECOMMEND FY14
294	FOREST WARDEN	1,584	1,584	1,631	1,631
299	TREE WARDEN	11,646	11,867	12,670	12,670
511	BOARD OF HEALTH	90,765	114,889	121,933	121,933
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,655,848	1,658,007	1,753,166	1,753,166
	PERCENT INCREASE FROM FY13			5.74%	5.74%
	PUBLIC WORKS				
420	DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS	891,574	986,936	1,040,424	1,040,424
420	DPW CAPITAL OUTLAY	8,000	-	-	-
423	SNOW & ICE	98,769	212,000	225,080	212,000
433	SOLID WASTE	429,561	435,950	452,000	452,000
491	CEMETERIES	5,537	6,000	6,000	6,000
	CEMETERY FENCING			2,500	2,500
	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,433,441	1,640,886	1,726,004	1,712,924
	PERCENT INCREASE FROM FY13			5.19%	4.39%
	HUMAN SERVICES				
541	COUNCIL ON AGING	27,479	28,793	29,138	29,138
543	VETERANS' SERVICES	104,221	107,500	152,500	152,500
	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	131,700	136,293	181,638	181,638
	PERCENT INCREASE FROM FY13			33.27%	33.27%
	CULTURE & RECREATION				
610	LIBRARIES	299,984	303,901	324,259	324,259
630	PARKS & RECREATION	95,350	97,935	94,328	94,328
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	-	500	500	500
693	WAR MEMORIALS	762	1,200	1,200	1,200
	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	396,096	403,536	420,287	420,287
	PERCENT INCREASE FROM FY13			4.15%	4.15%
	DEBT SERVICE				
700	DEBT SERVICE	605,329	649,784	640,755	630,755
	PERCENT INCREASE FROM FY13			-1.39%	-2.93%
	INTERGOVERNMENTAL				
840	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	80,312	83,075	88,068	88,068
	PERCENT INCREASE FROM FY13			6.01%	6.01%
	MISCELLANEOUS				
910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,677,846	1,812,892	1,839,313	1,839,313
946	GENERAL INSURANCE	79,991	82,589	85,067	85,067
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	1,757,837	1,895,481	1,924,380	1,924,380
	PERCENT INCREASE FROM FY13			1.52%	1.52%

GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND
PERCENT INCREASE FROM PY

7,057,601	7,488,210	7,788,283	7,745,203
		4.01%	3.43%

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 8. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,953,363 for the purpose of operating the Water Pollution Control Facility and associated pumping stations, with \$180,000 to be raised from Taxation and \$1,773,363 to be raised from Sewer User Fees.

DEPT NO.		EXPENDED FY12	BUDGET FY13	REQUESTED FY14	RECOMMEND FY14
	WATER POLLUTION CONTROL				
440	Wages & Expenses	1,178,083	1,216,538	1,352,904	1,352,904
700	Debt Service	329,675	371,398	360,992	360,992
910	Employee Benefits	<u>137,630</u>	<u>165,472</u>	<u>184,508</u>	<u>184,508</u>
	SUBTOTAL WPCF	1,645,388	1,753,408	1,898,404	1,898,404
	PERCENT INCREASE FROM PY			8.27%	8.27%
449	DPW SUBSIDIARY				
	Wages & Expenses	7,948	46,959	46,959	46,959
	Capital Outlay	5,476	8,000	8,000	8,000
	SUBTOTAL DPW SUBSIDIARY	13,424	54,959	54,959	54,959
	TOTAL WPCF	1,658,812	1,808,367	1,953,363	1,953,363
	PERCENT INCREASE FROM PY			8.02%	8.02%

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 9. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$88,088 for the purpose of funding the operations, maintenance, and debt service of the Colle Building, said sum to be raised from Colle Receipts Reserved for Appropriations.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 10. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$42,000, for the purpose of operating the Turners Falls Airport, with \$9,500 to be raised from Taxation, \$5,650 to be raised from Airport Retained Earnings and \$26,850 to be raised from Airport User Fees.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 11. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$731,659 for the purpose of paying the Franklin County Technical School District for Montague's share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Franklin County Technical School, to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 12. MOVED: That the Town vote appropriate the sum of \$7,965,557 for the purpose of paying the Gill-Montague Regional School District for Montague's share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Gill-Montague Regional Schools, with \$125,000 to be raised from Free Cash, \$40,616 to be raised from Town Stabilization and \$7,799,941 to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 13. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the purpose of replacing windows at the Unity Park field house, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 14. MOVED: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to negotiate a new agreement for property values for First Light Hydro Generating Company and Turners Falls Hydro LLC for the fiscal year 2014 triennial revaluation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 15. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,200 for the purpose of funding information technology equipment, parts, accessories, software and installations, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 16. MOVED: That the Town vote appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of funding purchases of Police equipment such as firearms and accessories, computers and accessories, police cruiser equipment, department furniture, bullet-proof vests, tasers, radios or any similar items as well as extraordinary repairs to same, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 17. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing a one ton dump truck, said sum to be raised from Town Stabilization.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 18. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of funding purchases and major repairs of DPW vehicles and equipment, said sum to be raised from Town Stabilization.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 19. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$54,055 for the purpose of funding lease payments for 2 Six Wheel Dump Trucks, said sum to be raised from Town Stabilization.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 20. MOVED: That the Town vote appropriate the sum of \$44,000 for the purpose of funding the lease payment for a Six Wheel Dump Truck, said sum to be raised from Taxation

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 21. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$95,000 for the purpose of purchasing a bucket truck, said sum to be raised from Town Stabilization.

AMENDED ARTICLE: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$95,000 for the purpose to purchase and equip a bucket truck, said sum to be raised from Town Stabilization.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 22. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Montague Center School, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 23. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of replacing the furnace at the Montague Center Library, said sum to be raised from Taxation.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 24. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise the fee and/or permanent and temporary easements in certain parcels of land, adjacent to and/or contiguous to Greenfield Road, as depicted on a plan entitled "Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Reconstruction of Greenfield Road in the Town of Montague," dated October 28, 2011, as may be amended, on file with the Town Clerk, and the fee and/or permanent

and temporary easements in parcels of land located within 200 feet of said parcels, as such additional areas may be shown on said plan, as hereinafter revised, for public way purposes, including, without limitation, drainage, utility, slope, grading and construction of improvements and structures, and other related purposes, which will enable the Town to undertake the Greenfield Road improvement project, and further, for the purpose of paying for the costs and expenses associated with the acquisition of said property interests, said sum to be raised from Chapter 90 receipts.

PASSED/DECLARED MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 25. MOVED: That the Town vote to accept, for the Planning Board and Conservation Commission, the provisions of G.L. c39, Section 23D, which provides that a member of a board, committee, or commission holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to the member's absence from one session of such hearing, provided that certain conditions enumerated in said statute are met.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 26. MOVED: That the Town vote to amend the Montague Zoning Map to redistrict Assessors Map 25, Lots 01, 02, 22; and Assessors Map 18, Lots 6 and 7 from (ID) Industrial to (AF-4) Agricultural Forestry-4, said area to total +/-74.0 acres, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 27. MOVED: That the Town vote to amend the Montague Zoning Bylaws Section 5.4.7 Minimum Floor Area in the following manner:

Remove:

For each dwelling unit no less than 700 s.f. of living space, exclusive of areas solely devoted to home occupations, and exclusive of basements, areas with less than six feet of ceiling space, porches, terraces and the like.

Replace with:

For each multi-family dwelling unit no less than 500 s.f. of living space, exclusive of basements and areas with less than six square feet of ceiling space, porches, terraces and the like. Relief may be granted by Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals

Or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto

**PASSED/TWO-THIRDS VOTE - YES / 63
NO / 13**

ARTICLE 28. MOVED: That the Town Meeting act on the following petition:

We petition to have the following resolution placed on the warrant for the 2013 Annual Meeting in the town of Montague:

Whereas, Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield is the only hospital in Franklin County, the most rural county in Massachusetts; and

Whereas, local access to a full-service community hospital is essential to the health and well-being of the residents of Franklin County; and

Whereas, some important services previously available at Franklin Medical Center are now available only at the Baystate Medical Center in Springfield; and

Whereas the lack of public transportation and the long distance between parts of Franklin County and Springfield presents a challenge for many residents; and

Whereas, it is critical for the health of Franklin County residents that the broadest possible range of quality health care services be accessible to them within Franklin County,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Montague calls upon Baystate Health Systems to commit all necessary resources to provide for the long-term viability of a full-service community hospital at Baystate Franklin Medical Center which will meet the health care needs of the residents of Franklin County; and

Be it further resolved that the Town Clerk be directed to send copies of this resolution to Mark Tolosky, President and Chief Executive Officer of Baystate Health Systems, and to Chuck Gijanto, President of Baystate Regional Markets.

Signed by 14 qualified voters of the Town of Montague

PASSED/DECLARED MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 29. MOVED: That the town vote to accept Sections 19K and 108P of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 30. MOVED That the Town will vote to establish the Montague Broadband Committee to investigate the potential of expanding broadband coverage to areas in the community that are currently underserved. And that the Town Moderator appoint a committee of seven members to include representatives from Chestnut Hill Area, from the Taylor Hill/Meadow Road area, from the Montague Industrial Park, the town planner, a town financial representative, a representative from the town cable committee, and legal representative.

AMENDED ARTICLE: That the Town will vote to establish the Montague Broadband Committee to investigate the Town's town wide broadband needs and to develop a plan to support future growth in technology in the area of telecommunications. And that the Board of Selectmen appoint a committee of seven members to include representatives from Chestnut Hill Area, from the Taylor Hill/Meadow Road area, from the Montague Industrial Park, the town planner, a town financial representative, a representative from the town cable committee, and legal representative.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE AS AMENDED